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SUBJECT: COTTON PURCHASE UNDER P.L. 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT
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- 1. PRESIDENT OF TEXTILE INSTITUTE, LISBON, HAS ASKED HELP IN SOLVING DILEMMA WHICH HE SAYS THREATENS TO COST INSTITUTE (GOP AGENCY) SOME TWO MILLION DOLLARS.
- 2. PROBLEM IS THIS: RAW COTTON IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION, OPORTO, MADE SUBJECT PURCHASE OF 18,290 BALES CALIFORNIA COTTON AT AVERAGE OF NEARLY 90 U.S. CENTS/LB., ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT ALMEIDA, ON BASIS BIDS RECEIVED UNDER PO-5013. COTTON BEING UNLOADED THIS MONTH IS NOW VALUED AT 50-60 CENTS WORLD MARKET, AND ALMEIDA SAYS MILLS REFUSE TO ACCEPT IT AT HIGH CONTRACT PRICE BUT WANT INSTITUTE TO ASSUME LOSS AS GUARANTOR. INSTITUTE, IN TURN, WHICH OPERATES AUTONOMOUSLY WITH ITS OWN BUDGET, WANTS GOP TO TAKE LOSS BECAUSE OF DELAYS IN AUTHORIZING ORIGINAL PURCHASE.
- 3. ALMEIDA ASKED IF U.S. COULD AMELIORATE PAINFUL SITUATION IN ANY WAY, SUCH AS SHIPPING ADDITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COTTON WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CHARGE. AGATT REMINDED HIM THAT IMPORTERS BOUGHT COMMODITY FROM PRIVATE TRADE AS IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION, AND THERE PROBABLY WAS NOTHING U.S. COULD DO ABOUT UNFORTUNATE TIMING. AGATT AGREED, HOWEVER, TO EXPLAIN SITUATION TO DEPARTMANT AND REQUEST REACTION. WILL PASS IT ON TO ALMEIDA WHEN RECEIVED.

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